

REMARKS

Following the amendments filed November 4, 2005 in the corresponding PCT application, claims 1-30 were pending in the application. Claims 10, 13, 16, 20-22, 24, and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, 23, 25, and 27-30 have been amended. New claims 31-43 have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, 23, 25, and 27-43 will be pending in the application.

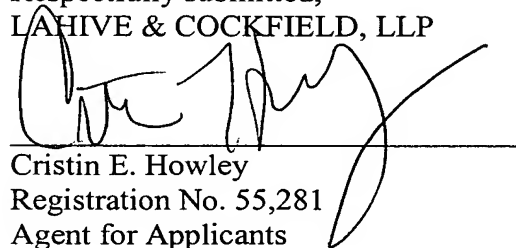
Support for new claims 31 and 32 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, including at least at page 24, lines 26-28. Support for new claims 33-36 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, including at least at page 24, lines 18-24. Support for new claims 37 and 38 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 29, lines 4-5 and 20-25. Support for new claim 39 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, including at least at page 29, line 14-16. Support for new claim 40 can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification, including at least at page 23, lines 23-24.

In addition to the claim amendments, the specification has been amended to include priority information and to include sequence number identifiers.

The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter and are not related to issues of patentability. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested. In addition, the foregoing claim amendments and cancellations have been made solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed and those filed in the amendment of November 4, 2005 in this or a separate application(s).

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's Agent at (617) 227-7400.

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